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*Alan Bennett***AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed February 20, 2002, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. For a friction drive in an earthworking machine including a shaft rotatable about an axis and engaging an outer periphery of a wheel, with the outer periphery of the wheel engaging the earth and propelling the earthworking machine on the earth, a friction enhancer comprising a tubular member adapted to be removably and slideably received on the shaft parallel to the axis, with the tubular member including an outer periphery having noncircular cross sections perpendicular to the axis, with the tubular member adapted to be prevented from rotating relative to the shaft.

Please amend claim 22 as follows:

22. Connection comprising, in combination: a first tube having an inner periphery and an outer periphery; a first aperture formed in the first tube between the inner and outer peripheries; a second tube having an outer periphery of a size for slideable receipt in the inner periphery of the first tube; a bore formed in the second tube aligned with the first aperture in the

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